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FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, please amend the present application as follows and consider the included remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments are made using the new amendment format. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 are waived in favor of the new format.